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ATTACHMENT A

**INSTRUMENT PANEL FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE HAVING AN AIRBAG
DEVICE INTEGRATED IN A VENTILATION ARRANGEMENT**

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[001] This application claims priority to PCT/EP2003/012613, filed November 12, 2003 and GB 10253185.4, filed November 15, 2002.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[002] This invention relates to an instrument panel for a motor vehicle comprising of at least one ventilation outlet and a ventilation duct attached thereto and arranged behind the instrument panel, and further having an airbag module which is fastened behind the instrument panel and has a gas generator and a folded airbag arranged within its housing. An outlet opening, which is closed by a covering that opens when the airbag module is triggered, is provided within the instrument panel for the unfolding airbag.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[003] An instrument panel of the type related to this invention is known from U.S. Patent No. 6,264,233. To the extent that an airbag module and a ventilation duct are arranged behind the instrument panel of a vehicle, there is provided a covering that covers both components and on the one hand forms the covering for the airbag module and on the other hand has integrated within itself a ventilation outlet having a ventilation cover covering the outlet the ventilation cover of that design being attached to the ventilation duct when the cover or ventilation outlet